Regional language programmes on the National Network transmission

221. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to cut down the exclusively Hindi Doordarshan programmes on the National Network transmissions and introduce various regional language programmes; and

(b) whether Government propose to introduce Subtitling of the Mahabharata Serial in English?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) There is no proposal at present to change the complexion of the National Programme of Doordarshan. However, due importance is given to regional language programmes.

(b) No, Sir.

Seizure of smuggled weapons

222. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of illegal as well as smuggled weapons seized in the country during the last three years; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent smuggling of these weapons?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(b) Steps like intensifying surveillance on the border for checking smuggling of arms and ammunition by Para-Military Forces, Customs and intelligence agencies conducting *naka-bandi*, raids and other operations by police have been taken to tackle the problem.

Statement

	Years			
	1987	1988	1989	Total
1. Number of illegal weapons seized in the country during the last three years . . .	10,982	3,612	2,460	17,054
2. Number of smuggled weapons seized in the country during the last three years .	66	124	134	324

Bills Pending with the Central Government for President's Assent

223. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of Bills pending with the Central Government as at present for President's assent alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): A statement indicating the number of Bills pending with the Central Government for President's assent and their details, is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CLII, Annexure No. 8]